

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE & RULES

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MONROE
GIRARD
SOKOL
WOOD
FRASIER

OTHERS PRESENT:

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS KENNY
MERLINO
SIMPSON

MIKE SWAN, WARREN COUNTY TREASURER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR WESTCOTT
STROUGH

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

SAMANTHA HOGAN, SENIOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 8, 2015 meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/legislative_rules/

Mr. Monroe called the meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Legislative & Rules Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the agenda packet were distributed to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Monroe advised Action Agenda Item No. 1 pertained to Resolution No. 156 of 2015 from the Town of Horicon, Supporting the Common Ground Alliance, "Road, Bridge, Utility, and Community, Adaptation/Sustainability Constitutional Amendment". He advised this Resolution dealt with Forest Preserve issues identified by the State Land Master Plan, the Commission Report on the 21st Century, multiple local governments, and the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages (AATV).

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting. *A copy of Town of Horicon Resolution No. 156 of 2015 is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Monroe advised Item No. 2 pertained to Resolution No. 157 of 2015 from the Town of Horicon, Supporting the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) effort to update the Stated Land Master Plan (SLMP). He explained this was an effort to implement an update to the Master Plan, which was long overdue.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting. *A copy of Town of Horicon Resolution No. 157 of 2015 is on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding to Action Agenda Item 3, Mr. Monroe presented Resolution No 368-15 from the Yates County Legislature, Urging the Governor and Legislature to Gradually Restore the 50/50 State and County Sharing for the Safety Net Program and to Increase Shelter Grant Reimbursements to Counties. Privilege of the floor was extended to Supervisor Thomas who stated this was to bring the State's fiscal responsibility in the Safety Net Program to 50% as in the past, as opposed to the current 29% they provided.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting. *A copy of Yates County Legislature Resolution No. 368-15 is on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding to Referral/Pending Items portion of the agenda, Mr. Monroe noted that Items No. 1 and 2 should remain pending at this time. Moving onto Agenda Item No. 3, Mr. Monroe stated at the last meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee, Supervisor Strough wanted more time to review this item which pertained to Assembly Bill A.8399, "An Act to Amend Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, the Vehicle Traffic and the State Finance Law, in Relation to the Creation of an All Terrain Vehicle Trail Fund", he added due to the fact that Mr. Strough was unable to attend today's meeting this item should remain pending as well.

Mr. Monroe advised Item No. 4 pertained to Cornell Cooperative Extension's discussion on the Agricultural Districts; he noted unfortunately they were unable to attend today and would reschedule for a later date. Ms. Wood said she felt it would be beneficial to invite representatives from Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District as well as this was something they had been working on.

Item No. 5 Mr. Monroe stated was a request from the Public Safety Committee to consider seeking assistance from Legislative representatives with effects of the narrowbanding of radio frequencies by the Federal Government. Ms. Wood noted there were technical difficulties to address also and they should seek assistance for this, as well.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting.

Item No. 6, Mr. Monroe stated was to authorize a letter to be sent to the Governor and State Legislature encouraging them to provide funding for the additional Jail staffing required by State mandate.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting.

Item No. 7, Mr. Monroe advised was a referral from the Criminal Justice Committee requesting the Committee consider seeking Legislative assistance for funding related to Hurrell-Harrington arraignment requirements. He stated this had to do with the public defense services being inadequately financed by the State of New York.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18th Board meeting. *Note: Subsequent to the meeting Supervisor Thomas provided a copy of Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks Resolution No. 2 of 2015, "Resolution in Support of NYS Assembly Bill A 6202-A, calling on the State to Assume the Costs of Indigent Legal Defense Services and for the Complete Reimbursement to all Counties for Expenses Associated with the Indigent Legal Defense Unfunded Mandate".*

As there was no further business to come before the Legislative & Rules Committee, on motion made by Mr. Sokol and seconded by Ms. Wood, Mr. Monroe adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Senior Legislative Office Specialist